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- Application Data Sheet (37 CFR 1.76) (4 pages).
- Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet (1 page).
- Assignment of the invention to Beijing University of Technology (3 pages).
- Specification, Claim(s), and Abstract (22 pages).
- Formal drawings (4 sheets, Figures 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9).
- Declaration and Power of Attorney (4 pages).
- Information Disclosure Statement (2 pages).
- Form PTO/SB/08 (1 page) with copies of 3 listed documents.
- Claim for Convention Priority (1 page).

[ X ] Certified copy of China P.R. Patent Application No. 03119119.3 (11 pages).

[ X ] Certified copy of China P.R. Patent Application No. 03153576.3 (10 pages).

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